

## **WCA Classic Field Events**

### **1. Purpose**

The WCA will hold three (3) Classic Field Events each year. These events will be similar to the National Field Trial and will be held in three different geographical areas of the United States.

### **2. Events**

The Western Classic is to be held in early to mid-spring.

The Eastern Classic is to be held in mid-spring to late spring.

The Mid-America Classic is to be held in the fall.

It is suggested that the Western and Eastern Classic dates be coordinated to maximize attendance at both events.

A **WCA Field Futurity** will be held in conjunction with the Western and Eastern Classics.

Classic Field Events will be **“OPEN to WEIMARANERS ONLY”**

All Classic Field Events shall be AKC licensed and conducted under the latest version of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Procedures. Additional WCA rules are stated within this set of rules. (For the Field Futurity Rules, see the Dual Futurity and Maturity Program Rules.)

### **3. Host Club**

- a. The Classic Events are WCA events that are hosted by a local Weimaraner Club or by an individual WCA member in good standing with the WCA.
- b. The Field Trial Chairperson, Secretary and **ALL** members of the Field Trial Committee must be members in good standing of the WCA.
- c. When an individual hosts a WCA Classic Field Trial, 50% of the financial gain from the event shall be donated to an organization designated by the Classic host and approved by the WCA Board that will promote the Weimaraner and 50% shall be donated to the WCA. The Classic host will submit a financial statement. In the event of a loss, the Classic host may submit a request to the WCA Board for reimbursement of the loss. Financial statements and the reasons for the loss will accompany the request for reimbursement. The WCA Board will then decide on the amount of reimbursement, if any.

### **4. Approvals**

The Field Committee will approve and forward the Classic application to the WCA Board of Directors and WCA Executive Secretary for final approval and processing with AKC.

### **5. Courses and Stakes**

- a. Western or Eastern or Mid-America Grand Open Limited All Age Classic **OR** Open All Age Classic
  1. This is a mandatory stake.
  2. Must be conducted in one (1) hour braces.
  3. Single Course is acceptable, but a Continuous Course is preferred.
  4. Dogs in contention will be called back to retrieve.
  5. May be a money stake, it is the host's decision (see prizes paragraph this section).
  6. Host may choose to hold Grand OLAA or Open All Age. Eligibility to enter Grand stake is according to AKC rules.
- b. WCA Western or Eastern Field Futurity
  1. This is a mandatory stake.
  2. See Dual Futurity & Maturity Program Rules for details.

- c. Western or Eastern or Mid-America Amateur Gun Dog Classic
    - 1. This is a mandatory stake.
    - 2. Conducted in 30 minute braces.
    - 3. Single Course is acceptable but a continuous course is preferred.
    - 4. Dogs in contention will be called back to retrieve.
  - d. Western or Eastern or Mid-America Open Puppy Classic
    - 1. This is a mandatory stake.
    - 2. Conducted in twenty (20) minute braces.
    - 3. Single course is acceptable.
    - 4. Birds may be released at the option of the Host Club.
    - 5. There will be NO firing of blanks over puppies in this stake.
  - e. Western or Eastern or Mid-America Open Derby Classic
    - 1. This is a mandatory stake.
    - 2. Conducted in 30-minute braces.
    - 3. Single course is acceptable.
    - 4. Birds shall be released for each brace.
    - 5. May be a money stake it is the host's decision (See Prizes paragraph this section).
  - f. Western or Eastern or Mid-America Open Gun Dog Classic
    - 1. This is a mandatory stake.
    - 2. Conducted in accordance with AKC rules.
    - 3. Dogs in contention will be called back to retrieve.
    - 4. Conducted in 45 minute braces.
  - g. Other Stakes: Additional recognized AKC stakes can be part of the WCA Classic at the option of the Host Club or the Individual Host. The addition of any stakes shall not compromise the quality of the WCA Classic event.
    - 1. The WCA will contribute \$500 to clubs holding a Grand Amateur Limited All Age Stake.
  - h. The WCA Classic may have multiple courses in use at any time at the option of the Host Club.
- 6. Judges**
- a. The Host Club shall select all judges for their WCA Classic event.
  - b. An Individual hosting a Classic shall obtain approval of the judges from the Field Committee.
  - c. Classic Hosts shall endeavor to obtain the judicial services of candidates possessing the broadest possible previous judicial experience.
- 7. Retrieving Call Backs**
- a. Any mature, strong-flying upland game bird shall be satisfactory for utilization in callbacks, with strong preference to be given to pheasants or chukar.
  - b. Birds shall be planted in the birdfield as the judges shall direct.
  - c. Birds should be planted a sufficient distance from the gallery/spectators so as to minimize interference with the dog's performance and to maximize gunner safety.
  - d. Gunners shall use only double-barreled shotguns of at least .20 gauge; semi-automatic and pump shotguns are prohibited.
  - e. During callbacks, blaze orange shall be worn by all judges, handlers, gunners and the game steward.
- 8. Scribe/Photographer**
- a. The scribe(s) will prepare a brace-by-brace write up for the WCA Western, Eastern or Mid-America Grand Open All Age Classic or Open All Age Classic and Amateur Gun Dog Classic.
  - b. The write up shall include the placements of all of the other stakes and a brace-by-brace write up shall be optional.

- c. Photographs of all placements, in all stakes, should be taken. The photos should include the dogs, their handlers, judges and the owners, if available.
- d. The write up and photos shall be submitted to *The Weimaraner Magazine* editor within 30 days of the last day of the Classic. Failure to meet this time frame may subject the Host Club to fines imposed by the WCA Board.
- e. To have the highest picture quality and the least number of errors in the text, the photos should be at least 150 dpi and the text should be sent by e-mail or disk in Rich Text (RTF) format.

#### **9. AKC Application and Premium List**

- a. The application information for the Classic event needs to be sent to the WCA Executive Secretary at least four (4) months prior to the event. The Executive Secretary will fill out the AKC forms and send same to the AKC with the appropriate fee for their approval. The Executive Secretary will arrange for the Premium List to be prepared.
- b. Any WCA rule that is in addition to the AKC rules shall be included within the premium. Also, any options that the AKC rules allow need to be stated. Topics for inclusion include:
  - 1. Bitches in season.
  - 2. Training on grounds.
  - 3. Any special requirements to use the grounds.
  - 4. Puppies not fired over.
  - 5. Tracking collars.
  - 6. Money stakes.
  - 7. ALL prizes, trophies (includes rotating trophies) and rosettes.
  - 8. Stakes and courses.
  - 9. Retrieving.
  - 10. Birds.
  - 11. Etc.

#### **10. Prizes**

- a. Rosettes shall be given to all placed dogs and also to those that receive a Judges' Award of Merit.
- b. All the rotating trophies associated with each Classic shall be presented to the winners. If no winner is selected, then the event chairperson will be responsible for storing the trophy. Refer to the WCA's Perpetual Trophy Policy for more information.
- c. All non-rotating trophies and rosettes should be of a quality that is commensurate with a WCA Classic Event.
- d. In a money stake, prize money will be paid to first, second, third and fourth placed dogs. Percentage of payback to be determined by the host club or host individual. The wording in the premium list is to include percentage (net of grounds fees and other such fees. Other such fees include AKC and WCA fees only). If four placements are given, the split is 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%. If three placements are given, the split is 50%, 30%, 20%. If two placements are given, the split is 70%, 30%. If one placement is given, that placement receives 100%. In the event that no placements are given, the prize money will be retained by the WCA and added to the same stake's purse the following year.

#### **11. Additional Rules**

- a. The latest edition of the AKC Field Trial Rules and Procedures shall be used to conduct all stakes at a Classic Field event, except for the WCA Field Futurity. (See Dual Futurity & Maturity Program Rules.)
- b. A .22 caliber or larger blank pistol shall be used for all stakes, except puppy. Small crimp .22 blanks and shotguns are not permitted.
- c. No dog competing in a Classic event shall train on the same grounds during the seven

days immediately preceding the first day of running of the Classic event. For the purposes of this rule, dogs entered in another field trial on the same grounds shall not be considered during such competition to be training.

- d. **“Bitches in Season”** shall be allowed to compete in all required stakes.
- e. Tracking collars shall be allowed in all stakes subject to all applicable AKC rules and procedures governing the same.
- f. The drawing for braces and running order shall take place no later than the day before the start of the Classic event.

**12. Field Trial Closeout**

- a. Submit all required documents and **check** to AKC within their time limits.
- b. Submit the write up, scribe reports and placements to the editor of *The Weimaraner Magazine* within 30 days after the trial. A late fee of \$5.00 per day may be imposed by the WCA Board.
- c. Submit a check made out to the WCA for \$0.50 per dog (not per entry) to the Executive Secretary, Weimaraner Club of America, within 30 days after the trial. A late fee of \$5.00 per day may be imposed by the WCA Board.
- d. The Field Futurity placements and number of dogs that ran in the stake must be sent to the Futurity Administrator within five (5) days of the event.